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COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTS PLANNING BOARD CHAIR

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The Montgomery County Council today approved Arthur Holmes, Jr. as chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board. Holmes, a retired U.S. Army major general, has been serving as vice chair of the board for the past three years.

Holmes, a Democrat, was appointed as a Montgomery County commissioner in June 1994. He will serve as chair until June 14, 2002, when his second four-year term expires. Maryland law limits commissioners to two full terms.

"We look forward to working with Art Holmes", said Council President Blair Ewing. "He is experienced and a seasoned commissioner who will be able to guide us through the tough land use and transportation issues we will have to tackle over the next year."

Holmes completed over 35 years of active duty in the military until retiring in 1987 as commanding general of the Army's Tank-Automotive Command. He served as vice president and later president and chief executive officer of Automated Sciences Group, Inc. of Silver Spring from 1987 to 1995.

Holmes replaces as chair, William Hussmann, whose term ended on June 14, 2001.

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